[Mr. E. P. Varghese.]

(*a*) whether they ascertain before appointment in the Government service, that the applicant is a Travancorean ;

(*b*) whether there is any naturalisation law in Travancore ; and

(*c*) whether mere residence for professional reasons alone will make a non-Travancorean a Travancorean ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I ask whether it is the usual practice to ascertain also whether an applicant for a Government appointment has settled in Travancore and has ceased to be a subject of any other State or Province ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : Every person seeking appointment under the Government has to produce a certificate that he is a subject of His Highness the Maha Raja of Travancore.

Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai : That is with regard to *born* subjects of His Highness the Maha Raja ; my question was about people who have settled here and who have ceased to be subjects of any other State or Province.

Mr. T. C. Thommen : As it is, Government do not ascertain that fact.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know how the Government ascertain whether an applicant is a Travancorean or not ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : As I have already stated, a certificate from a gazetted officer has to be furnished.

Purchase of motor boats for Arukutty Excise Division.

4. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai** (*Municipal Councils*) : Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points :—

(*a*) how much money has been spent for the purchase of motor boats for the use of the Arukutty Division of the Excise Department ;

(*b*) what is the total cost incurred by Government for the repairs, upkeep and maintenance of these boats ever since the date of their purchase ;

(*c*) how many cases have been detected by the patrol parties employed in these boats during the last ten years and what is the nature of each case ;

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(*d*) what is the nature of the cases detected by the various patrol parties of the Arukutty Division during 1093 to 1097 ;

(*e*) how many hands have been reduced from the Arukutty Division on account of the introduction of the motor boats :

(*f*) what is the gain or loss to Government consequent on the introduction of the motor boats ; and

(*g*) whether the motor boats are of any use for patrol work in shallow waters of the Vembanad lake ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan (*Excise Commissioner*) :

(*a*) Rs. 13,000.

(*b*) Rs. 46,538.

(*c*) and (*e*) *Statements two in number, marked A and B respectively, furnishing the information are laid on the table.

(*d*) Import of salt and opium and import and export of tobacco.

(*f*) The change is one which in its very nature cannot be considered as a profit and loss transaction.

(*g*) The boats can be used over the whole area of the Vembanad lake except in very shallow waters.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : How many motor boats were purchased by the department ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : Two.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Has there been any increase, in the number of cases detected since the purchase of these motor boats ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : No. These motor boats are used for doing the work which was formerly being carried on by petrol parties.

Mr. M. N Paramesvaran Pillai : How are smugglers pursued in shallow waters ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: So far, no difficulty has been experienced even in shallow waters.

President : They are able to negotiate all canals.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Has there been any instance of the department not being able to detect any cases of smuggling in spite of the motor boats ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : No such instance has so far been reported.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : With reference to Appendix I, may I know the quantity of illicit import of beedi tobacco, for the years 1105, 1108 and 1109?

Mr. C. O Madhavan : Does the member refer to the quantity seized ?

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* *Vide* Appendix I A and B—page 24.

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Yes.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: That information is not available; I claim notice.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Am I to take it that, all these 10 years, only 3 cases have been detected in spite of these two motor boats?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Of these two motor boats, only one is engaged in this work. The other is used for customs work at Arukutty, to check and inspect passengers and luggage in boats plying between Alleppey and Cochin or Ernakulam.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Whether the offenders in these 3 cases were prosecuted?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know the result?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: The cases ended in conviction.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know from the member the profit derived from these three cases?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: That depends on the quantity of tobacco seized and I have already answered in reply to a question from Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai that that information is not available.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Sir, my object is this. Government have invested about Rs. 60,000 on two boats and only three cases have been detected after the boats have been introduced. I want to know whether the result is commensurate with the investment?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: The boats are not intended for the detection of offences alone. The most important work is prevention.

President: So, even if one case is detected, you think it will be a sufficient warning to others. Is that your main idea?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Yes, Sir. Every day the boats go on patrol.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know, Sir, whether it is the view of the Excise Commissioner that without these motor boats these cases would not have been detected?

President: Hypothetical.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know, Sir, at what part of the Vembanad lake these cases were detected?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: I can give the information regarding one case. It was detected in the Perumpalam island. I have no information regarding the other cases.

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Mr. T. C. Thommen: Yes.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: Do Government consider that Veluthedathu and Vilakkuthala Nayars are to be classed among caste-Hindus?

President: That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: It is not clear from the recent G. O. issued by Government that Veluthedathu and Vilakkuthala Nayars belong to a definite community.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Sir, on a point of order. The member can ask only for information. The member was making a speech as to 'why Government did not consider' and 'what is that Government considered' and all that. May I know from the member whether—

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know whether Government consider that Vilakkuthala and Veluthedathu Nayars are to be classed among other caste-Hindus?

President: Please ask whether Government have included and not whether Government consider.

Mr. T. C. Thommen: They are not included.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: Then, under what class do they come?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: 'Other caindus'.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai May I know whether the communities that are included in 'Other Hindu' are not published in the Census Commissioner's report?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: I claim notice.

President: I thought that was going to help the member.

Appendix I.

(*Vide* Answer to Question No. 4.

STATEMENT A.

Statement showing the number of cases detected by the patrol parties in the motor boats during the last 10 years.

Serial No.	*Year.*	*Nature of case.*	*Number.*
1	1105	Illicit import of beadi tobacco.	1
2	1108	Illicit import of tobacco and beedi tobacco.	1
3	1109	Do. Do.	1

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STATAMENT B.

Statement showing the number of hands reduced from the Arukutty Division consequent on the introduction of the motor boats.

Inspector	...	1
Petty Officers	...	4
Peons	...	60

Appendix II.

(*Vide* **Answer to Question No. 16.**)

Statement of teachers competent to teach Geography.

S. No.	Names of Geography Diploma holders.	Qualification.	Remarks.
1	M. T. Mathai ...	B. A. Diploma in Geography	Is employed at present.
2	K. M. Joseph ...	M. A. L. T. Do.	Do.
3	S. Padmanabhachari ...	B. A. L. T. Do.	Do.
4	R. Srinivasa Aiyar ...	Do. Do.	Do.
5	K. M. Nainan ...	B. A. Do.	Do.
6	K. C. Cheriyan ...	Do. Do.	Do.
7	K. V. Gevarghese ...	Do. Do.	Do.
8	C. V. Mathai ...	Do. Do.	Do.
9	P. Venkitesvara Aiyar..	B. A. (Hons) L. T. Do.	Do.
10	N. A. Nilakanta Aiyar ..	M. A. Do.	Do.
11	K. V. Koshi ...	B. A. Do.	Applied for post.
12	K. A. Varghese ...	Do. Do.	Do.
13	Mrithunjaya Aiyar ...	Do. Do.	Do.
14	V. C. Mathew ...	Do. Do.	Do
15	A. Y. Moses ...	Do. Do.	Do.
16	P. Venketasan ...	M. A. Do.	Do.
17	A. K. Mathai ...	B. A. Do.	Do.
18	K. Subrahmanya Aiyar.	B. A., L. T. (Member, Madras Geographical Association).	...
19	Jackson Solomon ...	B. A.	Do.

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